DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee*): (*a*) Certain complaints have been received regarding the withholding of stock by merchants dealing in yarn.

(*b*) It is so alleged in the complaints.

(*c*) (i) The matter is under investigation and if found true the necessary action will be taken.

(ii) A notification fixing the rates for the various counts of yarn from time to time has been issued and the effect of the same is being watched by Government.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): May I know whether Government are aware that cotton yarn is not at all available to weavers in Eraniel, Kottar and other places?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Complaints have been received to that effect.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what steps Government have taken on those complaints?

PRESIDENT: I would request honourable members not to press many questions upon the attention of the House on this matter as it will raise a large number of complicated problems. We have received information, of which we are not quite certain, that certain persons are either hoarding yarn or not disposing of them in the course of trade, or that certain other persons are deflecting the business that should come within the State from outside. Government have to consider these matters and take prompt measures. It is equally necessary not to discourage the influx of the yarn into the State by the members which might defeat their very object and for that reason certain negotiations have been set on foot with large wholesale manufacturers and suppliers of yarn. Those negotiations are still pending and it may be that anything that happens when questions are answered may give a hint of which enterprising people might take full advantage.

Prices of certain commodities.

422. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the prices of the following commodities at Division headquarters during the different months of 1116:

Paddy per edangali;
Rice do.
Cloth (grey mull) per yard; and
Cloth (bleached mull) do.

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Mr. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR (*Controller of Food Supplies*):

Prices of paddy and rice per edangali as prevailing in the Division Headquarters during 1116.

	Trivandrum.				Quilon.				Kottayam.			
	Paddy.		Rice.		Paddy.		Rice.		Paddy.		Rice	
	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch	C.	Ch.	C.
Chingom	2	3	4	14	1	15	4	8	1	10	4	0
Kanni	2	6	4	14	1	15	4	10	1	11	4	2
Thulam	2	6	4	14	1	15	4	10	1	11	4	2
Vrischigom	2	6	4	14	2	3	5	0	1	13	4	6
Dhanu	2	6	4	14	2	5	5	0	1	15	4	6
Makaram	2	5	4	14	2	[illegible]	4	4	1	14	4	2
Kumbhom	2	5	4	14	2	2	4	9	1	9	4	2
Meenom	2	5	4	14	2	2	4	11	1	9	4	4
Medom	2	5	5	0	2	7	5	0	1	13	4	8
Edavom	2	5	5	4	2	7	5	0	1	13	4	8
Mithunam	2	6	5	4	2	7	5	4	1	15	5	0

Price of cloth per yard as prevailing in the Division Headquarters during 1116.

	Trivandrum.				Quilon.				Kottayam.			
	Grey mull.		Bleached mull.		Grey mull.		Bleached mull		Grey mull.		Bleached mull.	
	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.	Ch.	C.
Chingom	7	2	11	9	8	0	12	8	No Stock	No Stock,	15	0
Kanni	7	2	11	9	8	0	12	8			15	0
Thulam	7	2	11	9	8	0	12	8			15	0
Vrischigom	7	2	11	9	8	0	13	6			15	0
Dhanu	7	2	11	9	8	0	13	6			15	0
Makaram	7	2	12	7	8	0	13	6			15	0
Kumbhom	7	2	12	7	8	0	14	4			16	0
Meenom	8	0	12	7	8	0	14	4			16	0
Medom	8	0	13	5	8	0	14	4			17	0
Edavom	8	14	14	4	8	0	14	4			17	8
Mithunam	10	11	16	0	10	11	15	2			20	0

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